

MINUTES

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

October 7, 2015 -- Meeting Room, Town Hall

Present:, Jane Connolly (Co-Chair), Dennis Tracey (Co-Chair), Marc Karasu, Larry Roberts, Christopher Spaulding, Barbara Reynolds, Richard Frisch, Michael Imber, David Levy, Lucy Bowden, Kerry Brock, Keisha Biggs Fink, Glenn Major, Jonathan Moffly, Charlie Shipman, Anita Dinwoodie, Bill Douglass, Michael Carter, Gayle Weinstein (guest)

Meeting called to order 7:33.

Ms. Weinstein thanked the committee and emphasized the importance of its work, stating she is thrilled about the quality of people who joined the committee.

Mr. Tracey stated that the committee would hold two meetings with the full membership to “get smart”: Basics of budgeting and taxes, P&Z, housing regulations, current state of housing market, developers.

The members of the committee then introduced themselves.

The committee had a discussion on defining the problem or the issue facing the committee.

The committee then discussed the deliverable: Report on our findings – what are the issues and possible solutions, do we have a problem, and then we will make recommendations for consideration to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning and Zoning Commission. This is Phase 2.

The committee discussed the need to look at census data.

Ms. Weinstein stated that use of a consultant would be appropriate. The committee would need to go back to BOS and ask for a supplemental funding request.

The committee members handed in executed Ethics policy statements.

Mr. Tracey then handed out assignments to the three subcommittees as follows:

Marc Karasu	Communications and Marketing
Thomas Glass	Empty Nesters and Weston's Elders
Larry Roberts	Communications and Marketing
Christopher Spaulding	Gen X and Newcomers
Barbara Reynolds	Communications and Marketing
Richard Frisch	Empty Nesters and Weston's Elders

Michael Imber	Empty Nesters and Weston's Elders
David Levy	Gen X and Newcomers
Lucy Bowden	Empty Nesters and Weston's Elders
Kerry Brock	Gen X and Newcomers
Keisha Biggs Fink	Gen X and Newcomers
Glenn Major	Empty Nesters and Weston's Elders
Jonathan Moffly	Communications and Marketing
Charlie Shipman	Gen X and Newcomers
Anita Dinwoodie	Gen X and Newcomers
Bill Douglass	Communications and Marketing
Michael Carter	Gen X and Newcomers

The committee then discussed use of electronic data rooms.

The committee is subject to FOI.

The committee agreed to seek a grant for an intern who will be paid through the grant. Ms. Weinstein stated that she and Tom Landry would prepare the grant application if it is not very complicated.

Mr. Tracey asked the committee to let him know about any issues the committee would want to get smart in.

Ms. Weinstein offered to seek out a speaker on public private partnerships.

Next meetings scheduled for October 28th and Nov 18th

Adjourned at 8:45 pm.



Co-Chair

Approved 10/28/15

